



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

Insurance Services - Health Services Analysis - PO Box 44322, Olympia, WA 98504-4322

Dear IME Provider:

The department is making some changes regarding how State Fund Independent Medical Examinations (IME) should be billed. These changes will be in effect for IMEs with dates-of-service on and/or after **July 1, 2004**. Attached is a section from the HCFA-1500 (F248-094-000) booklet that contains specific instructions regarding billing for IME services.

To get a copy of the booklet in it's entirety, you may:

- Download the form order card from www.lni.wa.gov/forms/, fill it out and mail it to the L&I Warehouse address on the card,
- Contact the Labor and Industries Field Service Location office nearest you, or
- Call the Provider Hotline at 1-800-848-0811.

If you have any questions regarding your bill, you may contact our Provider Hotline at 1-800-848-0811.

Sincerely,

Department of Labor and Industries

IME Provider Specific Billing Instructions (taken from F248-094-000 HCFA-1500)

Independent Medical Examination (IME) Providers

Type of Service:

Use Type of Service code "3" with CPT, HCPCS and Local Codes.

Doctors and/or firms who wish to provide IMEs for the department or self-insurers for workers covered under Title 51 RCW, must be approved by the department. Doctors and/or firms must submit a completed department application to the Provider Review and Education Unit at the Department of Labor and Industries, PO Box 44322, Olympia, WA 98504-4322.

Examiners will need one IME provider account number for each "payee" they wish to designate. If an IME examiner is not working through any IME firms, they will need just one IME number, which will also serve as their payee number. If an examiner works with multiple IME firms that are identified as the payee, then the examiner will need a different provider account number for each IME firm.

All bills to the department must have the doctor's IME provider account number in box 33 under "PIN#." If an IME firm is the designated payee, the firm's provider number must be in box 33 under "GRP#."

Further information about IME services and payments can be found in Provider Bulletin 04-07, the Medical Examiners' Handbook and the Medical Aid Rules and Fee Schedules, all of which can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.lni.wa.gov/hsa>.

WACs pertaining to IMEs are as follows: WAC 296-20-200 through 296-20-2030 (impairment ratings) and 296-23-302 through 296-23-392 (IMEs).